

## **Andrew Jackson, Jr. to Amos Kendall, November 15, 1845, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

class=MsoNormal>ANDREW JACKSON, JR., TO AMOS KENDALL.

Hermitage, November 15, 1845.

Dear Sir, It has been my intention to have written you for some time, in relation to the papers now in your hands of my venerated Father; but have delayed it from time to time until the present. Your Last kind and affectionate letter to Father reached the Hermitage a few days too late and I know if living would have afforded him pleasure to have read it; but alas, the wise decrees of Providence was fulfilled.

I write you now Mr. Kendall upon a subject which I trust and hope will cause you no pain, when I give you my reasons for so doing. Being the sole Executor of the Last Will and Testament of my Dear Father and especially designated by him to carry out his wishes as it regards all his effects, his request in relation to the papers now in your possession was as follows viz., After I am gone, send all my papers here to my friend Blair and those in the hands of my friend Kendall I request also to be handed over to Mr. Blair. About that time he recd. a letter from you asking permission to retain the papers until you finished your Edition of the History, which he granted you at the same time providing Mr. Blair should be permitted at once to take copies of any papers you retained for the purpose. He also wished that Mr. Blair allow you to have [them]. I observed to him would it not be best as your health was delicate and your engagements in other business such that I thought it would be an oppression upon you to go on with the work or to finish it for a long time, to at once write you frankly to hand over the papers to Blair and Bancroft. He said that was what he desired, but that it might possibly wound your feelings and that he could not well

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do it, but said if Mr. Kendall's health and business permits I have 0189 165 no doubt he will soon finish the work, and if not, then I know he will cheerfully hand them all over to Mr. Blair immediately. Therefore Mr. Kendall you will please inform me whether the period fixed in your notification in the Washington Union for the completion of your work will be sufficient to enable you to avail yourself of the contents of the papers now in your hands, if not, will six months beyond that period suffice. at the end of that time I request you to deliver them all over to Mr. Blair to be bound up in their place in the papers which Mr. Blair is about to arrange for that purpose; I will assure you at the same time that you shall have copies of any particular ones you may designate at Mr. Blair's expense, and have access to the whole collection when put together, and which will be lodged under the care of a proper person at Jackson Hall. I can also state and assure you that Mr. Blair will make no proposal for the publication of any work to compete with yours for a year at least, after the period at which you propose to give your complete work to the press.

By attending to this you will greatly oblige your friend and obt. servt.

P. S. We are all well and desire to be kindly remembered to Mrs. Kendall and family.